Allotment of wheat quota to Sikkim

3048. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly allotment of wheat quota to the State of Sikkim under ITDP (Integrated Tribal Development Project) and what is the supply rate per kilogram;

(b) what is the total number of tribal families who are receiving these quantities of wheat, district-wise in Sikkim; and

(c) what is the retail price per kilogram of flour and wheat at Gangtok, Mangan, Nainchi and Gayzing district headquarters of Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Sikkim is presently being given monthly allocation of 1000 tonnes of wheat and 4800 tonnes of rice. The projected requirement of foodgrains (both rice and wheat) for the population living in ITDP areas in Sikkim is 19464 tonnes per annum which works out to a monthly average of 1622 tonnes. Allocations to regions/districts within the State is a matter within the administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments. As per estimates based on 1991 census, 41000 families are living in the areas covered by ITDP in Sikkim. Central Government issues wheat meant for distribution in Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) areas, which include the ITDP areas, at the rate of Rs. 352 per quintal. State Governments have been advised to ensure that the end retail price of wheat in RPDS areas does not exceed Rs. 3.77 per kg. Details of retail prices of flour and wheat, district headquarter wise are not maintained by the Central Government.

National Cmusumer Policy

3049. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate a National Consumer Policy for effective consumer protection: and

(b) if so, what are the areas that would cover the policy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of wheat in FPs

3050. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of wheat in Fair Price Shops; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have supplemented the foodgrains which are in short supply to the Fair Price Shops by other grains to meet the allocated units of the ration card holders; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Central Government makes bulk allocations of commodities to States/UTs for the Public Distribution System (PDS). Sub-allocations within the State/UT, monthly allocations to individual Fair Price Shops etc. are matters within the administrative